

33. (New) The crystalline mixture solid composition of claim 4 produced by a process comprising the steps of mixing a hydrophilic solvent with an aqueous solution which comprises 50 to 80 wt% of α -D-glucopyranosyl-1,1-mannitol, 1 to 50 wt% of α -D-glucopyranosyl-1,6-sorbitol and 0 to 20 wt% of α -D-glucopyranosyl-1,1-sorbitol, and separating the formed precipitate from a liquid (the above wt% is based on the total weight of the α -D-glucopyranosyl-1,1-mannitol, α -D-glucopyranosyl-1,6-sorbitol and α -D-glucopyranosyl-1,1-sorbitol).

34. (New) The crystalline mixture solid composition of claim 33 which has a specific surface area of 0.1 to 5.0 m²/g.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the subject application. Claims 3 and 9-12 have been cancelled and new claims 13-34 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 13-34 are now pending in this application.

Claims 3 and 9-12 have been cancelled to eliminate improper multiple dependencies and the multiple dependent claim fee and new claims 13-34 correspond to claims 3 and 9-12 rewritten in single dependent form.

No new matter has been added and applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for

allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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